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Heat death leads to new town plan

Town officials review hot weather strategy in wake of 73-year-old's death

By TOM ROSE
ADVOCATE STAFF

The death of a 73-year-old woman in her stifling-hot apartment last week has prompted town officials to examine Arlington's response to heat emergencies.

Rose McQuade's body was found on the floor of her Lewis Avenue apartment on July 27, but authorities did not confirm until Tuesday

that her death was heat-related.

McQuade, who suffered from cancer and heart disease, probably died several days before her body was discovered, Arlington Police Chief Eugene Del Gaizo said. Police estimated the temperature in the apartment to be near 130-degrees at the time her body was found.

All the windows in the second-floor apartment were shut. An air-

conditioner sat unused on a hallway floor and a fan in the apartment was not turned on.

Heat stress facts, page 5A.

McQuade obituary, page 10A.

"My sister was a loner," said Lillian Stymeist of Cambridge. "She could have called the landlord and he would have put the air conditioner in, but she never did."

No autopsy was performed, but

a medical examiner listed hyperthermia as one of the causes of death, Del Gaizo said.

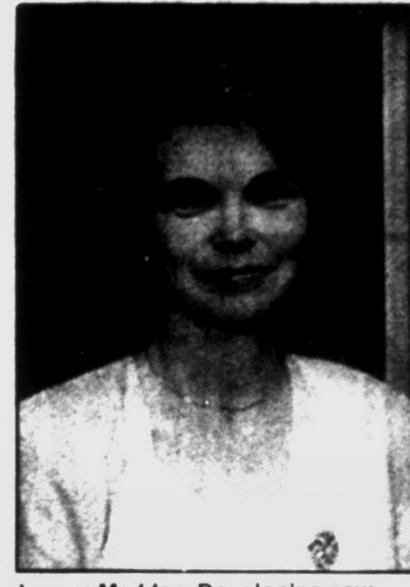
The death prompted Jeanne Madden, executive secretary to the Council on Aging, to call a special meeting of town officials.

"We hope we can prevent any further problems," Madden said Tuesday afternoon. "We had a policy in place, but we decided to add it as part of the emergency

management plan."

The Council on Aging distributes room fans during hot spells and The Medical Center at Symmes offers shelter from the heat for those who would like to spend time in an air-conditioned facility.

In the past, the town's reaction to hot weather had been a concerted effort to contact elderly and disabled citizens to remind them to HEAT, see page 5A



Jeanne Madden: Developing new protocol

Residents help by volunteering at DSS

By Sally A.M. Daniels
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

Petra Kashin does not let her full-time job or the reputation of the Massachusetts Department of Social Service get in the way when it comes to doing her part toward helping her community.

Believing that "it takes a little bit from each of us" to solve the country's social ills, Kashin is one of four Arlington residents who work as volunteer case reviewers for the DDS.

Kashin, a fund raising project coordinator at WGBH, began volunteering at DDS in April because she "wanted to be part of the solution." She has considered getting a master's degree in social work sometime down the road.

The DDS is often the subject of criticism because people tend to focus on the cases that "fall between the cracks," she said. There are, however, many more successful cases whose stories go unreported.

As part of the solution, Kashin serves on a three-member panel that reviews cases concerning abused and neglected children.

Kashin said there is a lot of caring about the children among the DDS staff and volunteers. The most important skill she recalls from her training is the ability to imagine herself as the child.

"Your parents may be abusive, but that's the only world you

know," she said. "Then strangers come to your door and say, 'we need to take you away.'"

For Susan Fairchild, another Arlington resident who has been a volunteer with the DDS since 1993, the most enlightening part of training was an exercise that asked individual participants to rate their responses, on a scale of "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree," to a list of subjective child-rearing situations. Then, they worked in discussion groups to reach a consensus.

"Your response may not be the best or the only choice," Fairchild pointed out. "You can't impose your parental views." She said there may be valid opinions supporting behaviors she doesn't agree with.

The review panels on which Kashin and Fairchild serve each consist of the DDS supervisor, a DDS case reviewer, and the volunteer reviewer, who has been through 12 hours of training. Each panel member gets one vote in decision-making. Also involved — but without voting privileges — are the child's social worker and parents, when they are available.

Other people who may attend the reviews are the child's foster parents, any lawyers, counselors, therapists, and finally, concerned friends and neighbors of the child. Children themselves may be present.

VOLUNTEERS, see page 7A.

RECYCLING ROUTE

NEWS / OPINION

■ CRIME FIGHTERS: Police and citizens from Cambridge, Belmont and Arlington gathered for a ceremony to show their unity in the fight against crime. For the story and a picture, see page 4A.

■ ADA VIOLATIONS: A Drake Village resident continues to wait for Arlington Housing Authority officials to fix alleged ADA violations at the apartment complex. See page 2A for details.

■ RESIDENT WRITER: Arlington resident Larry Metzger did not know about his family roots while growing up. Now he's researching the subject and writing a book. See page 12A for the story.

SPORTS

■ CHAMPIONSHIP SWEEP: Brendan Timmins had five hits as the Elks swept VFW in the American League Championship series to advance to the Little League Town Championship against the Sons of Italy.

■ SENIOR LEAGUE: The Doughty Plumbing and Heating White Sox rallied from a one-game deficit to defeat the D'Agostino Dell Giants and win the Senior Babe Ruth Championship.

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NEW PHONES

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INSIDE TODAY

Arlington Then and Now

Discover its people, pastimes and treasures

Handicapped parking survey planned for town

By Patrick McGee
ADVOCATE STAFF

The chief of police and Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator for Arlington said they will soon survey the town's streets to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on handicap parking spots.

Police Chief Eugene Del Gaizo said ADA coordinator Jeanne Madden contacted him to arrange a time to survey the streets and potential handicap parking spots.

"I want to know exactly how many handicapped parking spots we have in Arlington. I don't think there's that many," said Del Gaizo,

"I foresee the installation of more handicapped parking spots, without a doubt."

EUGENE DEL GAIZO
ARLINGTON POLICE CHIEF

estimating that there are about 35 handicap parking spots in the town, including spots on private property.

Barbara Cutler, chair of the Arlington Commission on Disabilities, recently sent a letter to Del Gaizo asking him how many handicap parking spots there are in the town.

"I foresee the installation of more handicapped parking spots,

without a doubt," Del Gaizo said. Madden said she and Del Gaizo are doing the survey because although the recent renovations to Town Hall make the building accessible, there is still no place for handicapped citizens to park.

"You should really have handicapped parking close by to the accessible entrance," she said.

Madden said the survey will mostly focus on Massachusetts

Avenue and she and Del Gaizo plan to talk with business owners.

Madden said the results of the survey will be presented at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on Aug. 16.

Currently Arlington has not adopted the state law that would enable police to ticket cars illegally parked in handicapped parking spots in the parking lots of private businesses, such as Stop and Shop.

Madden said she will likely make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on this issue also. She said she does not yet know what the recommendation will be.

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TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

Civil Service exam schedule available

The town of Arlington Personnel Department has received the Civil Service examination schedule from the Department of Personnel Administration for the period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996. Copies are available in the Personnel Department, third floor Annex, Town Hall.

Local road work to begin in late August

The Town Public Works Department will be chip sealing (armor coating) public streets during the latter half of August. Two sections of town are part of this year's program: the Morningside/Ridge Street area and the Sister Street area of East Arlington. Individual flyers will be distributed to all homes on the affected streets prior to completion of the work.

Housing assistance applications ready

The Arlington Housing Authority is preparing to accept applications for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program from people who meet federally established income and family eligibility guidelines.

The program uses funds provided by the U.S. government to provide assistance in paying the rent of low income persons who live in privately owned houses or apart-

ments.

People 62 years or older, handicapped or disabled people, individuals and families may be eligible. The following maximum income limits apply: one person, \$18,600; two people, \$21,250; three people, \$23,900; four people, \$26,550; and five people, \$28,650.

Units subsidized under the program must meet federal guidelines with regard to condition, size and cost. Rent limits are set by HUD according to the number of bedrooms in a rental unit and what utilities, if any, are supplied by the landlord. Eligible applicants may be assisted in the unit where they now live. A lease and contract are provided by the program and must be signed by the landlord, tenant and the Housing Authority.

The tenant and the Housing Authority each pay a share of the rent to the owner. Applicants must provide proof of their income and assets.

Applications will be accepted Tuesday, August 15 and Wednesday, August 16, from 10 Am-4 p.m. at the Housing Authority office, 4 Winslow Street.

Drake Village woman waits for door action

By Patrick McGee
ADVOCATE STAFF

Sometimes Maria Taylor cannot tell what is more difficult: getting her wheelchair through the doors at the Drake Village apartment complex where she lives or getting the Arlington Housing Authority to take action.

Taylor, 69, has been complaining to the Arlington Housing Authority and other government agencies about the heavy doors and other obstacles to a person in a wheelchair for several months.

In mid-July, the Massachusetts Office of Disability submitted a letter to the Arlington Housing Authority citing Drake Village in violation of 26 regulations of the American with Disabilities Act. A study of the building Taylor lives in was conducted with two members of Arlington's Commission on Disabilities was in response to Taylor's complaints.

James Dougan, who conducted the study, said some of the problems — such as the doors that Taylor cannot open — can be fixed in a day.

But Frank Hurd of the Arlington Housing Authority said he has to bring it to the Arlington Housing Board before any changes can be made. The board meets on Aug. 14, making it another month that Taylor has waited for the repairs.

Taylor said she has seen no work to bring the building up to code. As of Monday, the doors Taylor uses

are still not up to code.

The pressure of the outside doors are supposed to be no more than 12 pounds and the pressure of the inside doors is supposed to be no more than five pounds, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act. The pressure of the doors were cited as violations in Dougan's report.

Using a conventional scale, The Advocate made several unofficial measurements of the door pressure on several of the Drake Village doors.

The pressure of one outside door climbed over 30 pounds when it was pushed all the way open, which is what Taylor must do to get her wheelchair across the threshold. The door to the trash room is over 10 pounds, double what it should be according to the ADA law.

According to Dougan, the doors require only a "hex screw adjustment" to be brought to the right pressure.

Attorney James Ferraro, chair of the Housing Authority Board, said the Housing Authority first needs to buy a proper scale to measure the door pressure.

Ferraro said Housing Authority officials believe the doors were at the proper pressure, but now cannot be sure because they do not have the same scale that state officials use.

He said the door pressure should be adjusted properly "as soon as we get the gizmo."

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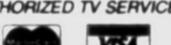
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Meetings

Thursday, Aug. 3

Arlington Conservation Committee, 7:30 p.m., Department of Public Works Conference Room, second floor, Town Hall Annex.

Monday, Aug. 7

Open Space Plan Committee, 7:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room, Town Hall annex, 730 Mass Ave.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Arlington Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m. at John Jarvis House, 50 Pleasant St.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:45 p.m. Department of Public Works Conference Room, second floor, Town Hall Annex.

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pen if you found stairs going up a cliff or a cut stone in the jungle," said Ms. Reddington-Wilde. She plans to have some hands-on activities for participants and perhaps artifacts from her work.

Children interested in the "How to Think Like an Archaeologist" program should register in advance at the Children's Services Department at Robbins Library. Three sessions will be offered on Aug. 15 — a 9:30 a.m. program for those in grade two, 10:15 a.m. for grades three and four, and 11 a.m. for grades five and six.

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ARRESTS

■ On July 28 at 8:55 p.m. a 16-year-old Dorchester boy was arrested at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Medford Street for an outstanding warrant. He had a warrant out for his arrests for using a motor vehicle without authority and for possession of a firearm without a Firearms Identification Card.

■ On July 28 at 7:50 p.m. a 16-year-old Mattapan boy was arrested at Massachusetts Avenue and Henderson Street. An officer recognized the boy who had a warrant on him for larceny.

■ On July 29 at 3 a.m. a 25-year-old man of Grove Street was arrested

for a default warrant. He gave police officers a false name but one officer recognized him.

■ On July 30 at 4:30 p.m. police pulled over a car at Massachusetts Avenue and Franklin Street for having an expired inspection sticker. The driver, a 30-year-old Arlington man of Sunset Road was arrested for driving after his license was suspended and driving a car without an inspection sticker.

■ On July 30 at 2 a.m. police received a report of an elderly man acting confused on Mystic Street. Officers found a 49-year-old man from Manchester, N.H. and arrested him for a default warrant for drunk driving and receiving stolen property.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ On July 26 at 11:55 p.m. police received a report of an assault with a dangerous weapon. A resident of 190 Summer St. said he was hit with a beer bottle after he asked a loud group to leave the area in front of his house. The group fled.

FIRE REPORT

RESPONSES

Rescue Services responded to 52 calls last week, including 14 rescues, 11 investigations, nine fire alarms, three assistance calls to neighboring stations and two car accidents with injuries.

■ On July 24 at 10:42 a.m. an 81-year-old woman was reported to have fallen down the stairs at St. James Church on Appleton Street. She was taken to the Medical Center at Symmes.

■ On July 25 at 11:06 a.m. a baby was reported choking at 123 School St. A rescue vehicle was sent immediately but could find no house number of 123 on School Street. Nynex reported that it was training an operator and failed to tell officials that it was just a drill.

■ On July 25 at 5:23 p.m. firefighters were called to Massachusetts Avenue and Water Street for a report of a gasoline leaking from a car. An absorbant was used to dry up the gas.

■ On July 26 at 9:35 a.m. 57-year-old woman was reported to have fallen on Davis Avenue. A splint was put on her leg and she was taken to the Medical Center at Symmes.

■ On July 26 at 1:14 p.m. a 65-year-old man was reported to have passed out in front of Robbins House on Library Way. He was given oxygen and taken to the Medical Center at Symmes with the paramedics.

■ On July 26 at 7:24 p.m. a 74-year-old man was reported to be suffering from shortness of breath. He was given oxygen and taken to the Medical Center at Symmes with the paramedics.

■ On July 26 at 7:29 p.m. Arlington firefighters were called to cover Lexington Fire Station while Lexington firefighters fought a two-alarm fire. Arlington rescue responded to a medical call on Route 2 in Lexington while covering the station.

■ On July 27 at 7:07 p.m. a motorcycle accident was reported at Massachusetts Avenue and Marathon Street. The cyclist had an unrelated.

Arlington man charged with illegal benefits collection

An Arlington man has been arraigned on charges of illegally collecting unemployment benefits from the Department of Employment and Training.

Paul F. Weissbach, 50, was arraigned in Waltham District Court.

He is the president and owner of Mapco Automotive Services Inc.

In Worcester. He and six others in Greater Boston were charged with illegally collecting unemployment benefits while they were self-employed.

Marsha Cohen, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, said the cases are unrelated.

According to a statement from Attorney General Scott Harshbarger's office, Weissbach allegedly said he had been laid off from his own company which had closed due to lack of business. He allegedly collected \$19,376 between December 7, 1991 and January 3, 1993, while he still worked.

Weissbach could not be reached for comment.

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abrasion on his arm and said he fell off the bike. His friend took him home.

■ On July 28 at 12:54 p.m. an 80-year-old woman was reported to be unresponsive on Palmer Street. She was taken to the Medical Center at Symmes with the paramedics.

■ On July 28 at 8:25 a.m. a 67-year-old man complained of severe headaches. He was taken from Foxmeadow Lane to the Medical Center at Symmes.

■ On July 28 at 8:46 a.m. a 89-year-old man reported having pain in his right hip. He said he fell back in his chair two days ago. He was taken from Massachusetts Avenue to the Medical Center at Symmes.

■ On July 28 at 12:54 p.m. an 80-year-old woman was reported to be choking on Palmer Street. She was given oxygen and taken to the Medical Center at Symmes with the paramedics.

■ On July 29 at 5:44 p.m. an 85-year-old woman was reported to be suffering from shortness of breath on Wheaton Road. She was given oxygen and taken to Deaconess Hospital with the paramedics.

■ On July 29 at 7:43 a.m. a car accident was reported in front of 2 Mary St. There were no injuries.

■ On July 30 at 7:27 a.m. Arlington firefighters were called to cover Waltham Fire Station while Waltham firefighters fought a three-alarm fire.

■ On July 30 at 4:59 p.m. 64-year-old man complained of weakness in his legs. He was taken from Scituate Street to the Medical Center at Symmes.

■ On July 30 at 11:08 a.m. a car fire was reported at 20 Bartlett Ave. Firefighters found a 1987 Nissan Sentra running and on fire when they arrived at the scene. Then extinguished the fire and disconnected the car battery. The driver said she just drove from Arlington from New York.

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Arlington, Belmont and Cambridge officials joined at the "Hands Across the Alewife" ceremony on Tuesday. The gathering was to commemorate the cooperative efforts among the three police departments. Among those representing Arlington were George Laite of the East Arlington Good Neighbors Committee (far left), Police Chief Eugene Del Galzo (fourth from left); and Selectman Charles Lyons (eighth from left.)

Towns, neighbors unite for crime fight

By Tom Rose

ADVOCATE STAFF

Police, town officials and community activists from Belmont and Cambridge crossed jurisdictional lines Tuesday morning, stopping in Arlington for a made-for-media event promoting unity between the three communities.

Appearing at Arlington Bicentennial Park for a rally tied to Cambridge's activities for National Night Out, a procession of speakers emphasized the need for the communities' citizens and police to work together.

George Laite, chairman of the East Arlington Good Neighbors Committee, welcomed the participants at the park, located near the Cambridge/Arlington town at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Alewife Brook Parkway. Environmental issues surrounding the brook have linked Laite's group with the other communities

in the past.

"Our goal is to show the publics of the three communities...that safety is the number one priority in our communities," Laite said. "Alewife Brook is no longer a boundary that separates, it is a boundary that unites."

Arlington Police Chief Eugene Del Galzo noted that the town has received support from all seven contiguous communities. He said cooperation from police and citizens in surrounding neighborhoods would help improve the quality of life.

The event, dubbed "Hands Across the Alewife Brook" by the North Cambridge Task Force, was supposed to feature a ceremonial handshake between Del Galzo and the police chiefs of Cambridge and Belmont. The handshake never took place, apparently lost in the shuffle as the speakers posed for pictures at the end of the event.

For three years the North Cam-

bridge citizen's group has actively participated in National Night Out, a day in which police departments and community groups in more than 8,800 cities and towns throughout the country join for rallies, block parties, and anti-crime marches.

George McCray, chairman of the North Cambridge Crime Task Force, a citizens group, said the cooperation between communities is important.

"We're working on a partnership," he said. "We've got ABC - Arlington, Belmont and Cambridge - that's a marriage, that's a partnership."

The stop in Arlington was just one of a day-long list of events planned in Cambridge for National Night Out. Cambridge police held a similar hand-shaking event with Boston police and the day ended with a community party at Rindge Field.



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Heat-related death prompts new plan

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seek help if they have trouble with the heat. Madden said her department would contact people who received social services once the temperature climbed to more than 90 degrees.

"It's a serious concern, particularly when you have long periods of heat," said Selectmen Chairman Charles Lyons.

In addition to Lyons, Madden, Del Gaizo and Clayton, others attending the meeting included Town Manager Donald Marquis and representatives from area housing and nursing agencies.

While town officials plan to formalize the response to hot temperatures, immediate action has begun to educate residents of the

dangers of exposure to extreme heat.

"We're making up about 2,000 fliers," said Fire Chief Perry Clayton. "We're trying to get the word out."

The fliers, which officials hope to have distributed by local stores, list warning signs and symptoms of heat stress.

Clayton said town officials are calling on churches, precinct captains, apartment managers, town employees, health care providers, business leaders and others to educate residents.

"If you know that one of your neighbors is elderly or sick, check on them," he said.

Clayton and other town officials could not recall a heat-related death here.

Madden said the public does not realize the seriousness of hot weather. She said statistics show that during an average year, heat contributes to more deaths in a year than all natural disasters combined.

"Just about everyone should be cautious," she said. "People should be taking it easy (when it gets hot)."

Among simple measures residents can take to beat the heat is to stay out of the sun, wear lightweight clothing, avoid strenuous activities, take cool baths or showers, and drink plenty of water.

Unfortunately, some elderly people are reluctant to open windows in hot weather. Such was the case with McQuade, who had lived in the apartment for nearly 35

years. Styneist, her sister, said a downstairs neighbor noticed that McQuade's mail and a copy of last week's Advocate had not been picked up. The alarmed neighbor contacted the landlord, who came from Lexington to open up the apartment.

Del Gaizo said the landlord found the woman's body on the floor of the bathroom.

"She was sick with cancer, but it was in remission," Styneist said. "I think it was the heat."

McQuade, who had no children did not have any regular visitors, her sister said.

Police have not been able to pinpoint an exact time of her death. On the day she was discovered, temperatures reached 91 degrees.

Heat stress facts

Temperatures of 90-degrees, coupled with high humidity, can cause heat stress. Here are some related facts pulled from National Weather Service, American Red Cross, and Minuteman Home care fact sheets:

Warning Signs of Heat Stress: Loss of appetite, lack of energy, fainting, cramps.

Symptoms of Heat Stress: Chest pains, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, throbbing headache, dizziness, confusion, rapid heartbeat, dry skin, breathing problems, nausea.

Prevention tips: Spend time in cool surroundings, use fans and air conditioners, wear lightweight clothing, avoid exertion, take cool baths or showers, drink a lot of water or juice.

Local help: If you think you are suffering symptoms of heat stress, dial 911. If you are in need of a fan or would like to arrange transportation to seek non-emergency relief from the heat at The Medical Center at Symmes, call the Council on Aging at 646-1000, ext. 4720.



ADVOCATE PHOTO BY TODD MAGLIOZZI
The building where Rose McQuade, 73, lived for 35 years in a second-floor apartment. She was found dead there July 27.

Banking at Minuteman

BANKING, from page 1A.

"The school was devastated because they were so close to having this happen," Hickey said declining to name the bank.

Hickey next worked at Sterling Bank of Waltham where she watched another attempt to bring a bank to Minuteman fail. Efforts to set up a Sterling branch were thwarted by Fleet Bank's purchase of Sterling.

When Hickey went to work at CSB she already had a profession-

al relationship with Minuteman. She said the cooperation between the school and the bank came quickly and easily.

"We met and had lunch and it all just took off," Hickey said. She noted that the Minuteman Banking Center will open nine months after receiving state approval, while most branches take a year to open.

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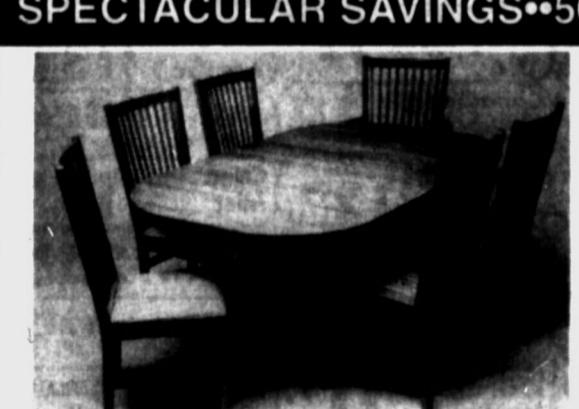
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Beacon Hill Roll Call



Sen. Havern



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BEACON HILL ROLL CALL
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Massachusetts House and Senate
July 28, 1995

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records local senators' and representatives' votes on four roll calls from recent sessions. There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week. All roll calls are on overrides of Governor Weld's vetoes of items in the fiscal 1996 state budget.

CLERK'S PAY RAISES (H 5100) — House 127-22, Senate 37-0, overrode Governor Weld's veto of \$56,325 in funding for salary hikes for clerk and assistant clerks of the state's appeals court.

Override supporters said these decisions should be left up to the Chief Justice of the Appeals Court. They noted that it will cost \$5 million if the House overrides all of Weld's vetoes of various clerk's pay hikes.

A Yes vote is for the pay raises. A No vote is against the pay raises.

Rep. Jim Marzilli voted yes.
Rep. Anne M. Paulsen voted yes.
Sen. Robert Havern did not vote.

HUMAN SERVICE PROVIDERS (H 5100)

— House 121-27, Senate 31-7, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a section requiring contracts between the state and private human service providers to specify the salaries and hours of all direct care workers hired by the private vendor.

Override supporters said these workers are underpaid at \$7 per hour and argued the state must intervene to ensure the salaries are raised.

Override opponents said the state should not micro-manage these private vendors and argued the requirement will cost the state money and create a bureaucratic nightmare.

Override supporters said the study will be useful and could

A Yes vote is for requiring contracts to specify the salaries. A No vote is against the requirement.

Marzilli voted yes.
Paulsen did not vote.
Havern voted yes.

ILLEGAL CAR REGISTRATION (H 5100) — House 149-0, Senate 34-4, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a section requiring the Inspector General to conduct a study and make recommendations to track and reduce the number of Massachusetts drivers who garage their cars in this state but register and insure them in another one. The study would also include the problem of drivers who garage their cars in one Massachusetts city or town yet register and insure them in another.

Override supporters said the study will help develop a plan to crack down on these car owners who are cheating Massachusetts and costing the state much needed revenue.

Override opponents said the study is unnecessary because the Massachusetts and New Hampshire registries, along with state and local police, are already conducting an intensive crackdown on illegally registered cars.

A Yes vote is for the study. A No vote is against it.

Marzilli voted yes.
Paulsen voted yes.
Havern voted yes.

PROPERTY TAX ALTERNATIVES (H 5100) — House 146-2, Senate 37-1, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a section creating a special commission to study alternatives to local property taxes as the primary source of funding for public education in the state.

Override supporters said the study will be useful and could

eventually help cities and towns struggling to fund education despite fiscal restraints and the limitations of Proposition 2½.

Override opponents said the study is unnecessary and a waste of time and resources. In his veto message, Gov. Weld said he simply does not support the purpose of the study.

A Yes vote is for the study. A No vote is against the study.

Marzilli voted yes.
Paulsen voted yes.
Havern voted yes.

Coming up on Beacon Hill

VOTER LISTS ON DISK (H 5294) — The Election Laws Committee is considering a proposal requiring cities and towns to give all candidates and political committees a voting list on computer disk free of charge. Current law only requires communities to provide a free written copy of the list. Sponsored by Reps. Edward Teague (R-Yarmouth), David Peters (R-Charlton) and Gary Coon (R-Andover.)

SMOKING IN RESTAURANTS (S 514, H 4603) — Two bills banning smoking in all Massachusetts restaurants have been sent off to a study committee and are defeated for this year. Sponsored by Reps. John Businger (D-Brookline) and Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington) and Sens. Lois Pines (D-Newton) and Lucile Hicks (R-Wayland).

WINDOW SCREENS (S 1292) — The Public Safety Committee has recommended defeat of a bill requiring all home and apartment windows above the fifth floor to have safety screens installed. The Senate has yet to act on the measure. Sponsored by Ron Miller, private citizen.

How long was this week's session? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of each week's legislative session. During the week of July 24 to 28, the House met for a total of 30 minutes and the Senate met for a total of one hour and nine minutes.

Monday, July 24: House convened at 11:05 a.m., adjourned at 11:22 a.m.; Senate convened at 11:01 a.m., adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, July 25: No House session/no Senate session

Wednesday, July 26: No House session/no Senate session

Thursday, July 27: House convened at 11:03 a.m., adjourned at 11:16 a.m.; Senate convened at 11 a.m., adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Friday, July 28: No House session/no Senate session.

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Markey takes aim at gun loophole

U.S. Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Malden) introduced legislation July 24 to permanently close the federal loophole that allows individuals who have lost their gun rights due to felony convictions to have those rights restored by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms at taxpayer expense. The bill, which was introduced by Representatives Ed Markey, Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), also would prohibit states from allowing violent felons or serious drug offenders to rearm themselves and require states to determine that other individuals convicted of felonies will not pose a threat to public safety before their gun rights are restored.

"Law-abiding citizens are tired of violence in their communities and think that they deserve relief, not the violent felons who have shown by their actions that they do not deserve the right to own a gun," Rep. Ed Markey said, noting that the Markey-Durbin-Hoyer-Schumer bill will bring a permanent end to ATF's practice of providing so-called "relief" from the federal ban on gun ownership to some felons. "This taxpayer-funded felon's rearment program is simply unconscionable," he added.

The original relief process was set up in 1965, when Olin Mathieson, the parent corporation of the Winchester Arms Company, was convicted of felony kickback charges. Without such relief, Winchester Firearms would have been prohibited from possessing or shipping guns or ammunition. However, the relief provision, which was originally created to assist a corporate entity and specifically excluded those convicted of firearms crimes from seeking relief, grew over the years to the point where any felon could apply to ATF to get his gun rights restored and could sue ATF if his application was denied. Under this program, ATF spent \$21 million in taxpayers' dollars over five years to rearm felons.

In 1992, a study conducted by the Violence Policy Center found that from a sample of 100 cases where the gun rights of felons were restored by ATF, 41 percent of those individuals had been convicted of crimes of violence, drug distribution or possession, or firearms violations. The study also found that despite intensive investigations, costing as much as \$10,000 each, ATF granted relief to a number of individuals between 1985 and 1989 who were later re-arrested for violent crimes, including attempted murder, sexual assault, kidnapping and child molestation.

In response to the study's findings, language has been included in every Treasury Appropriation bill since 1992 prohibiting ATF from spending any of its resources to process requests made by felons seeking to rearm themselves. However, earlier this year, the House Appropriations Subcommittee with jurisdiction over ATF failed to include the necessary language to keep the rearment program defunded. Rep. Markey organized a letter, which was signed by 20 other House members, to the chairman of the full Appropriations Committee urging him to oppose reinstatement of the so-called relief program.

According to the letter, "the Subcommittee's action to reinstate a program that rearms convicted felons reflects a gross misunderstanding of the attitudes of Americans toward the issue of violence in our society." Both the Fraternal Organization of Police and the Clinton Administration opposed the Subcommittee's attempt to reinstate the rearment program, while the National Rifle Association supported it, according to published news reports.

In response to the Markey letter and sharp criticism from other quarters, the Appropriations Committee added back the spending restriction language used in previous years in its fiscal year 1996 spending bill to keep the rearment program from being reinstated for the coming year. This language effectively kills the program for the fiscal year the bill covers, but must be added to the new Appropriations bill each year in order to keep the program from coming back to life. The Markey-Durbin-Hoyer-Schumer bill would eliminate ATF's underlying authority to restore the gun rights of individual felons, permanently closing the federal "firearms-for-felons" loophole and making this annual debate in the Appropriations Committee unnecessary.

Residents find social service volunteer work challenging

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ent if they are 14 or older. The review process begins when the social worker first meets the child and their parents. The social worker then draws up a plan outlining the goals of the social worker, DSS, the child, the foster parents, and the biological parents. The objective of the review is to follow up on these goals and determine whether they have been met sufficiently.

After assessing the success of the goals, the panel votes on decisions concerning the child's care. The ideal plan is to reunite the family. However, more appropriate choices may be to continue foster care, to decide on alternate guardianship, to put the child up for adoption, or, in the case of chil-

dren 16 or older, to arrange for independent living.

Each case is reviewed every six months.

Although social work makes volunteers feel good about themselves, it can be emotionally stressful. Kashin says that by the time she is in on a case, the DSS has already intervened and the problems for the child are somewhat alleviated. The outlook for the child's welfare is improving and they are doing better. But, she adds, some cases do make you say, "Whoa!"

Fairchild's sense of being removed from the situation - she has only met children twice in two years of volunteering - doesn't diminish her empathy. She said the work is challenging emotionally.

Because each case is confidential, she cannot discuss them with her friends and family. She has used the phone support service the DSS offers its case reviewers.

Overall, Kashin and Fairchild both feel that they contribute positively to the review process. While Kashin believes that the contribution she brings is the ability to review the cases objectively, Fairchild said she brings a subjective view.

Because the DSS supervisor sees many cases and the case worker is thoroughly familiar with the case, Kashin said that as a panel member she brings a "fresh pair of eyes."

Fairchild, on the other hand, feels that she brings a high degree of empathy. Having taught middle

school students in an inner-city setting, she saw the same kinds of problems among those children as among those she works for now. In a word, Fairchild brings "familiarity."

Fairchild is currently in the process of becoming an adoptive parent.

Kashin said the idea she would like to share with the community is that "the welfare of children is all of our problem. Without early intervention, we'll pay later." She added that it is easy to keep ourselves focusing on ourselves, to say that "my little world is good" and lose sight of community social problems.

Kashin and Fairchild, along with Patricia Weber and Kimberly Harding - two other Arling-

ton-resident DSS volunteers - were recently honored for their work at DSS.

Last year 97,210 children were reported abused and neglected - the highest number of reports in Massachusetts history - and more than 13,000 of these children live with foster families or in other community residences. Returning home is not an option for 4,600 children, who are waiting to be adopted.

Arlington residents who want to become review volunteers can call Vivian Daviditch, volunteer coordinator for Cambridge, at (800) 423-2022.

Those who wish to consider foster or adoptive parenting should call (800) 432-1828.



Trish Sullivan and Sean, Michael, Christina, Paul, Dennis, Daniel and nurse midwife Bonny Steuer.

"I was afraid I'd have this baby on Rte. 128..."

Trish Sullivan lives in Dedham, but she thought it was worth the drive to The Malden Hospital for midwife Bonny Steuer to deliver her sixth child. "Bonny was so patient with me. She waited until I was ready to make the next move," says Trish. "I delivered my first four at a Boston Hospital, but they made me feel like I was in a baby factory. They lost their personal touch - you don't have a baby everyday! Whether it's your first or your sixth, you want to be pampered just a little bit. Bonny treated me like a guest in her own home," says Trish. "I would recommend Bonny to anyone who is looking for a wonderful midwife."

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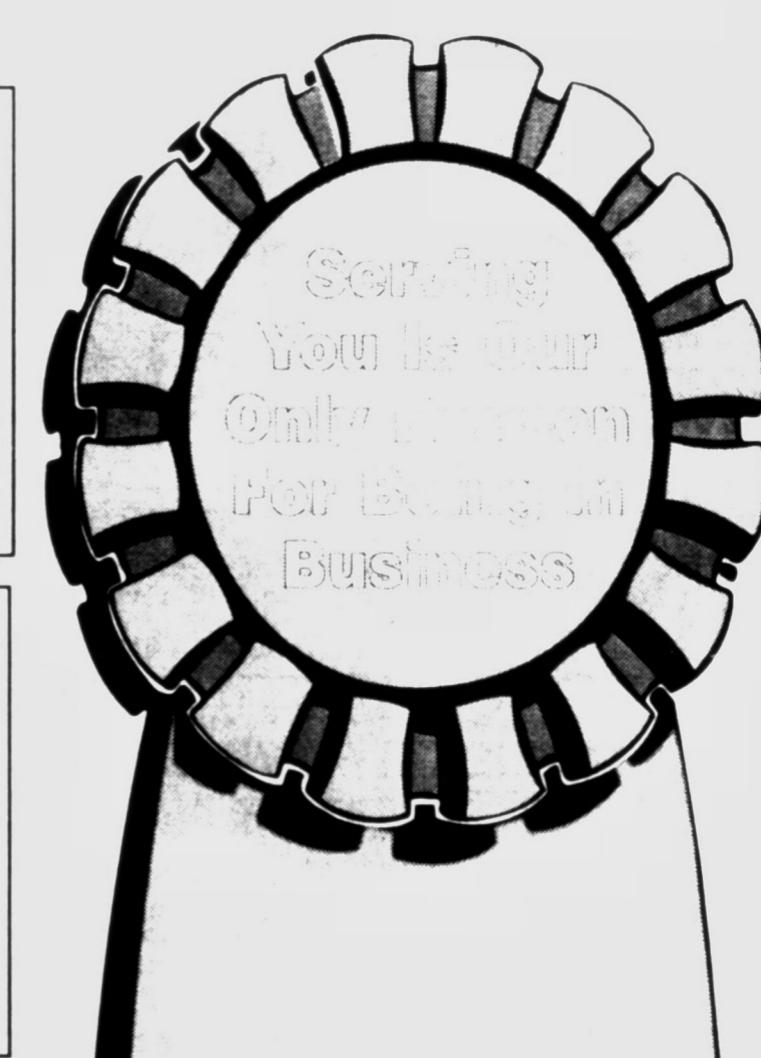
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The Arlington Advocate**COMMENT**

The Birthplace of "Uncle Sam"

Samuel Wilson

Editorial

The reaction of town department heads in response to the heat-related death last week of an Arlington resident shows a true concern for local residents.

Instead of sidestepping the issue or pointing fingers, town leaders took a positive approach. The death was not their fault, but immediately they accepted the blame and took steps toward improving the town's communication with elderly and medically-disabled residents.

Nearly a dozen representatives of social and public safety departments met with other town officials Tuesday and again Wednesday, working hard to come up with a protocol for dealing with heat emergencies. They recognize the chance that temperatures may stick in the 90-degree zone for more than another day or two.

While they work out the details of the new reaction plan, Arlington residents can help out by checking in on neighbors who might be affected by the hot weather.

Newspaper accounts of the heat wave last month in the Midwest, the one that claimed more than 500 lives in Chicago alone, highlighted the dangers of heat stress. Unfortunately, it sometimes takes events closer to home to impress upon people that if proper precautions are not followed, the same fate might await them.

Guest Column**Singing the bike path blues**

By Elizabeth Zarella

The Minuteman Trail is a pleasing retreat for the worn-out city slickers among us, but it needs a couple of "Go at Your Own Risk" signs to warn us of the perils of the path.

The 11-mile tree-lined route from Bedford to Alewife station tempts everyone from shaky, well-padded in-liners to experienced cyclists attempting to shave two seconds off their fastest time. Parents teach their young ones how to ride a two-wheeler, groups of spandex-clad babes and studs synchronize their blading; pet owners take their pooches for a shady jaunt at twilight, and walkers and joggers take to the path for their exercise retreats. Carefree, happy summer scenes, for sure, but crammed full of near-misses every step of the way.

Is this so hard to accomplish? Is there really a need for all the bent bicycle wheels, bloody knees and dirty looks? Should pathers be given magnetic swipe cards according to their mode of travel, and only take to the path when it's "walkers' hour" or "family time"?

Of course not. Folks should follow the rules, stay aware of who else is on the path, and take off those headphones during heavy travel! We should walk our dogs in the appropriate lane, move over when someone's approaching from the rear at a faster pace, move little Johnny to the edge of the path when it's picture or bottle time, and take off those headphones during heavy travel!

We have managed to raise two delightful, intelligent, independent-minded children," one begins none too bashfully.

"My life revolves around my family... my greatest blessing," declares another. "Over the last few years, I've come to understand that all else pales beside it in significance."

"We have no kids," cracks a third.

Anyone studying the reflections penned by these individuals soon notes a common theme: Earlier or later in their essays, almost all of them speak glowingly about their offspring.

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"My life revolves around my family... my greatest blessing," declares another. "Over the last few years, I've come to understand that all else pales beside it in significance."

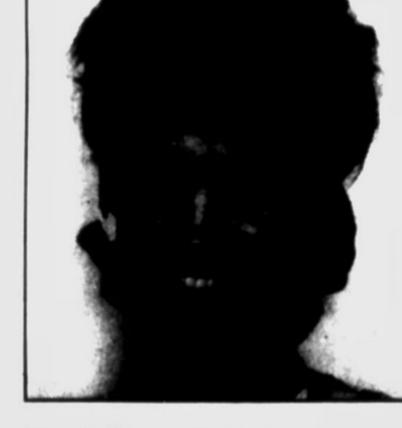
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Stay safe, and see you on the path (sans headphones during heavy travel!).

(Elizabeth Zarella is an Arlington resident whose free-lance articles have appeared in The Advocate.)

NEWS ITEM: MASS. PRISONS TO ADD TEMPORARY UNITS...**If you are here, if you are there...****LIFE AND ALL THAT**

TERRY MAROTTA



Her father collected some small bones from each and they buried them in her mother's name.

There is a scene in the Academy Award-winning film "Gandhi" that takes place near the end of this good man's life, when all he has worked for to bring peace and justice to his native India seems imperiled. Suddenly everywhere, Muslims are fighting Hindus. The blood flows.

So the old man begins a fast; he will take neither meat nor drink, he announces, until the violence

stops. The days pass. His small frame shrinks. His lips crack. He can scarcely open an eye. Then, at death's edge, he receives the message: across the country, the killing has stopped. Hindu and Muslim together, they have stopped. Some are even uniting to march for peace.

Just then, a wild-faced Hindu approaches his cot. "I am in hell!" he screams. "I killed a child! I smashed his head against a wall!" Gandhi asks why.

"They killed my son — my baby!" he weeps. "The Muslims killed my son!"

With great effort, looking into the wild father's eyes, the starving Gandhi speaks. "I know a way out of hell," he croaks.

"Find a child, whose mother and father have been killed — a boy this high (he gestures) and raise him as your own. Only be sure he is a Muslim ... and you raise him as one."

On these tossing August mornings may we remember: It is not enough to care for and delight in our own children. Somewhere, children unknown to us send prayers and songs on the toxic winds of the battlefield. They are our children, too. God help us if we never manage to learn this.

Letters to the Editor**Lyons defends MWRA record**

To the editor:

I read with interest Doug Howard's letter to the editor in last week's Advocate indicating I fought changing the way the MWRA charged communities for sewer services. Mr. Howard's letter indicated that I opposed changing the sewer rate methodology from a population-based system to a flow-based system benefiting communities like Arlington. His letter and its contents are false, misleading, and completely untrue.

Ten years ago I was appointed to the MWRA board of directors by the CEOs of the nearly 60 cities and towns which are part of the MWRA district. This non-paid position allowed me direct input into the massive task of cleaning up Boston Harbor and maintaining a water supply system for 2.5 million Massachusetts citizens. Last week, I joined nearly 500 citizens in Winthrop to celebrate the opening of a new primary treatment plant on Deer Island. In December of 1991, I joined officials to celebrate the discontinuance of dumping 50 tons a day of raw sewage into a 30-foot deep section of Boston Harbor.

For 10 years I have argued for a new sewer rate methodology based upon a community's contribution to harbor pollution. I have argued that a simple population methodology was wrong for

a number of reasons. First, it discouraged communities to fix their leaky pipes thereby allowing infiltration and inflow into the sewer system. In the early 80s, nearly 50 percent of the daily flows to the treatment plant were the result of infiltration and inflow. By allowing that type of methodology to continue, the MWRA would have been forced to build a much larger treatment plant at a much higher annual operation cost to member towns. Second, there was limited correlation to a community's population and its contribution to harbor pollution. Third, a population methodology was discriminatory to communities like Arlington which has little industry.

Seven years ago I convinced 10 other MWRA board members to invest in sewer meters that measured flow. The aforementioned arguments combined with their commitment to fairness helped augment a commitment to seek a fairer sewer rate methodology. People should be reminded that the MWRA Advisory Board (of which I am an appointee) has only three of 11 appointments to the MWRA Board of Directors. The City of Boston has three appointments, and the governor has five appointments.

It took me five years to put in place and test meter reliability. During that time I convinced Arlington officials to invest in replacing leaky pipes thereby limiting infiltration and inflow. For the past number of years I have spoken at the Arlington Town Meeting regarding both my desire and plan

to change the MWRA sewer assessment methodology.

A few years ago, after the MWRA board committed itself to change the sewer methodology, a handful of communities initiated a lawsuit challenging the population based methodology. Although the Town of Arlington limited its participation in these legal challenges due to MWRA action, these lawsuits combined with citizen activism, in which Mr. Howard participated, assisted efforts to quicken a methodology change.

However, his contention that I opposed changing the population-based methodology to a fairer flow-based methodology for sewer assessments is absolutely untrue, not supported by my words, deeds, or actions.

Everyone is to blame for the filthy condition we inherited when assuming the task of cleaning up Boston Harbor. To maintain progress on providing our children with a cleaner environment, we all must continue to work together securing state and federal funds to reduce the impressive burden felt by ratepayers. I played an active role in writing successful state legislation with Senator Havern to increase state funding. I played an active federal role in successfully securing limited federal dollars; and last year, I was an invited guest by the federal Environment Protection Agency, in Washington, D.C., to celebrate a new federal policy on Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), saving Boston area rate payers over \$1 billion in CSO mandated costs. The last effort

was a result of the CSO Partnership organization I formed in 1987 consisting of over 100 communities throughout the United States seeking a change in federal policy for CSO control. I continue today serving as an officer of the CSO Partnership.

Family members and friends of mine have suggested I remove myself from the non-paid position I hold as a board member of the MWRA. They have suggested it is an unpopular agency blamed for all the harbor problems. Some have suggested my participation may have negative political implications on me personally.

I have always maintained it is better for the Town of Arlington and its citizens to have a voice on the MWRA Board of Directors. I have also maintained my effectiveness can be measured by my limited persuasive ability to modify policies making them fairer while improving the environment. I am attempting to play an active part in solving one of the worst environmental problems we have in Massachusetts.

I appreciate Mr. Howard's citizen-activist role in MWRA issues. I encourage him to continue. Unfortunately, his assessment of my record is inconsistent with fact, notwithstanding my appreciation of his own involvement.

Let's continue to work together for a better tomorrow.

Charles Lyons
Chairman, Arlington Board of Selectmen

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Paulsen replies to letter writer

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the letter that appeared in your paper on July 27th.

As a member of the Criminal Justice Committee, I have listened to hours of testimony and read many articles on the subject of the death penalty. The article I wrote was a compilation of testimony and statistics that I used to make my decision. I thank the author for his interest in and knowledge of this issue.

Anne M. Paulsen
State Representative

Reader agrees with Paulsen

To the editor:

It was very encouraging to see Representative Anne Paulsen's guest column against the death penalty in The Advocate (7/20). She gave information that seldom reaches the general public such as the effective implementation in Massachusetts of life imprisonment without parole. To all the excellent points Paulsen made, I would like to add a few more. Taking life to demonstrate that taking life is wrong makes no sense to me. I believe that no one has the right to kill and I certainly do not want the State to kill in my name or with my taxes. I would like to see a convicted murderer made responsible for restitution so far as that is possible. Nothing can make up for the life taken but the cost of counseling for the victim's family, possibly education of the victim's children and so on might be met by requiring the convicted murderer to work and literally pay his/her debt to society. Some would say that "justice" demands a life for a

life and that execution would help the victim's family to resolve their grief. Family members at the May 12 hearing made it clear that another killing and another set of victims only prolong the grief. No one said that coming to terms with the loss was easy and they challenged us to reach out as neighbors and friends and congregations to give them the support they needed. Read a transcript of the hearing if you can.

Though overall the number of violent crimes in Massachusetts (and most states) has decreased, the number of violent crimes committed by young persons is increasing. This is the group least likely to heed any deterrent effect of the death penalty. If, indeed, there is such an effect. Rather than spend millions on the one percent who might be convicted of first degree murder, we need to fund crime prevention at a much earlier stage, for example: drug rehabilitation programs of sufficient duration to be effective, prevention of spousal-abuse programs, teaching non-violent conflict resolution from kindergarten through college, the Boston Ministers one-point plan that builds communities that reach out to young people and also holds them accountable for their actions. City Year that provides jobs and a stake in the well-being of the neighborhood.

At the May 12 hearing I encountered a mother from Quincy who sat through long and painful hours of testimony so that she could make the point that, though her teen-aged son had been murdered, she was against the death penalty. She wanted those who murder to be studied so that we might know how to avert tragedy for another mother or family. She did this at the cost of emotional exhaustion

for the next few days. Governor Weld and Lieutenant Governor Cellucci have announced that they plan to reintroduce the death penalty bill before the next elections. I invite all those who oppose the death penalty to urge them not to waste time and energy on a measure that is morally, fiscally and pragmatically flawed - one that appeals to fear and a spirit of revenge. Instead, they need to work right now, on measures that really address crime prevention. There are no quick fixes for such a complex problem. But, there are proven ways to work on each aspect. We all have an investment in fostering a more healthy, co-operative society.

Margaret Johnson
Decatur Street

Former resident sets priorities

To the editor:

It is encouraging that the town is finally beginning to address the needs of disabled town residents (Patrick McGee's two articles, July 27), but the difficulties of parking are not limited to town residents. If the same amount of concern for disabled shoppers and diners from neighboring communities was expressed as is spent on the needs of restaurant patrons to have a drink with dinner, perhaps more people would shop and dine in Arlington. Clearly the town's priorities need to be reconsidered. Like the liberals and feminists who make hate and sexual harassment a higher priority than homicide, the town makes drinking more important than parking

one's car.

Arlington's lack of concern for persons with disabilities is shown after each snow storm. The police are too busy to insure navigable sidewalks for persons using guide dogs or wheel chairs.

During the three years I lived in Arlington, the Commission on Disabilities, the Human Rights Commission, the Arlington police, and the Fair Housing Committee ignored my numerous complaints about daily harassment by area psychopaths. Town officials treated me as if I were legally insane instead of legally disabled. After three years of intolerable harassment, character assassination and assaults at my residence, I was forced to leave Arlington.

It is obscene that it has taken legitimate authorities in Arlington so long to consider the needs of disabled victims of government abuse and negligence.

Roy Bercaw
Cambridge

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fireworks celebration. Without doubt, a splendid evening's feeling of joy and pride in our free country was quenched quickly in me, and my citizen neighbors, when we found green tags on our cars.

No leeway given on holidays? No, no, not, apparently when some hundreds of dollars could swell the town coffers.

As a person who grew up on Grandview Road, knowing Robins Farm as a working farm, I find great pleasure seeing the multifaceted community-activities site that has become today. I was surprised, and pleased, to see how many others decided, in 1995, that the Hill would be perfect for watching the Esplanade's fireworks in safety and warm summer night comfort. The officious blancheting of cars with tickets should cut the numbers next year, eroding a too rare mood of a friendly

crowd out to enjoy the distant spectacle.

Perhaps the Arlington parking police are zealous in carrying out their duties. Perhaps that zealousness could be curbed in favor of projecting a welcoming, even friendly gesture to drivers on the U.S.A.'s birthday? Well, maybe an understanding of good public relations is too much to ask of town officials.

Margaret L. (Peg) Estey

Remembering a neighbor

To the editor:

Members of The East Arlington Good Neighbor Committee regretfully announce the passing of Bob

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OBITUARIES

Rose McQuade

LONGTIME RESIDENT

Rose "Gerry" (MacDonald) McQuade of Arlington died unexpectedly July 27 at her home. She was 73.

Born in Somerville, she was a longtime Arlington resident. She was a former inspector for TRW Electronics in Cambridge.

She was the wife of the late George; and sister of Lillian Stymeist of Cambridge. She also leaves many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said on July 31 at St. Paul's Church in Cambridge. Burial followed at the Cambridge Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Watson Funeral Home in Cambridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School or the Salvation Army.

Jean Querze

LONGTIME RESIDENT

Jean (Lodi) Querze of Arlington died July 22 at the Medical Center at Symmes after a brief illness. She was 80.

Born in Italy, she was a longtime Arlington resident and a homemaker.

She was the wife of Elio D.; mother of Richard and Elio II, both of Arlington; grandmother of Elio III and Alana; and mother-in-

law of Margaret Querze.

A funeral Mass was said on July 25 at St. Camillus Church. Burial was private.

Arrangements were made by the DeVito-O'Donnell Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Arlington Senior Center, 27 Maple St., Arlington, Mass. 02174.

Robert W. Lyons

LONGTIME RESIDENT

Robert W. Lyons of Arlington died July 20 at the Medical Center at Symmes. He was 60.

Born in Somerville, he was a longtime Arlington resident. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He was also a U.S. Air Force Veteran of the Korean War.

He was the son of the late John J. and Mary F. (Downey); and brother of Marie F. and the late John and Paul Lyons. He also leaves three nieces.

A funeral Mass was said on July 24 at St. James Church. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

Arrangements were made by the Daniel F. O'Brien Funeral Home.

Margaret Fitzgerald

93 YEARS OF AGE

Margaret (Casey) Fitzgerald of Somerville died July 19 at the Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville. She was 93.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, she was a Somerville resident and a homemaker.

She was the wife of the late Dennis; mother of Richard Fitzgerald and Mary Tierney, both of Arlington. Margaret Mizoni of Bedford, Daniel Fitzgerald of Burlington, Dennis Fitzgerald of Somerville and the late Joseph Fitzgerald. She also leaves 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was said July 22 at St. Catherine's Church in Somerville. Burial followed at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

Arrangements were made by the Daniel F. O'Brien Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 186 Highland Ave., Somerville, Mass. 02143.

Janet R. Downing

SURGICAL ASSISTANT

Janet R. (Solimene) Downing of Somerville died unexpectedly July 23 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She was 42.

Born in Somerville, she resided there for 20 years and had resided in Cambridge for 20 years. She was employed as a surgical assistant at the Harvard Community Health.

She was the mother of Kerri Ann, Erin, Paul and Ryan Downing, all of Somerville; daughter of Eugene and Ruth Solimene of Nashua, N.H.; grandmother of Stephen Hearns; and sister of Eugene F. and Stephen R. Solimene, both of Arlington, Carol Ortiz and Paul Solimene; and former wife of Paul Downing.

A funeral Mass was said on July 27 at St. Joseph's Church in Somerville. Burial followed at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

Arrangements were made by the Keefe Funeral Home in Cambridge.

He also leaves 12 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on July 29 at St. John's Episcopal Church. Burial followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Saville Funeral Service.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 661 Mass. Ave., Arlington, Mass. 02174 or to Hospice Care, Inc., 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, Mass. 02180.

Richard Tashjian

LONGTIME RESIDENT

Richard "Tash" Tashjian of Arlington died July 28 at the Medical Center at Symmes after a brief illness. He was 79.

Born in Boston, he was a longtime Arlington resident and a graduate of Arlington High School. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in the Parcel Post Division. He was the nation's first volunteer Veteran of World War II and also a member of the American Legion Post 39, VFW Post 1775 and the B.P.O.E. Lodge 1435, all in Arlington.

He was the son of the late Dickran B. and Victoria (Haroutunian) Tashjian; and brother of Mabel and Adrienne Tashjian, both of Arlington. He also leaves several cousins.

Funeral services were held on August 1 at St. James Armenian Church in Watertown. Burial followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Giragosian Funeral Home in Watertown.

Memorial donations may be made to the above named church.

Marie A. Wright

102 YEARS OF AGE

Marie A. (Casey) Wright of Arlington, formerly of Bedford, died July 27 at the East Village Nursing Home in Lexington after a brief illness. She was 102.

Born in Somerville, she was a 32 year resident of Arlington and a homemaker.

She was the wife of the late Arthur F.; and sister of the late Catherine A. Goguen. She leaves many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said on August 1 at St. Eulalia's Church in Winchester. Burial followed at Shawsheen Cemetery in Bedford.

Arrangements were made by the Gaffey-McAvoy Funeral Home.

Marian H. Fowlow

92 YEARS OF AGE

Marian H. (MacRae) Fowlow of Arlington died July 29 at the Mediplex in Lexington after a brief illness. She was 92.

Born in Boston, she was a resident of Arlington for 15 years. She was employed for 20 years as a cost accountant with Burlington Industries. She was also a member of the O.E.S. and the Calvary Methodist Church.

He was the husband of Dorothy (Field); father of Albert and Raymond Jr., both of Pepperell, Jeanne Landry of Wash. and Richard of Leominster; son of Bertha (Harding) of Arlington and the late Howard Deshier; and brother of Howard of N.H., John of North Andover and Herman of Arlington.

A funeral service was held on August 1 at the Saville Funeral Home. Burial followed at Forest Hills Cemetery in Boston.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice Care, Inc., 41 Montvale Ave., Stoneham, Mass. 02180.

Newton C. Greenwood

METEOROLOGIST

Newton C. Greenwood of Arlington and New Port Richey, Fla. died July 25 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a brief illness. He was 78.

Born in Philadelphia, Penna., he was an eight year resident of Arlington. He was a meteorologist for the U.S. Government.

He was the husband of Florence

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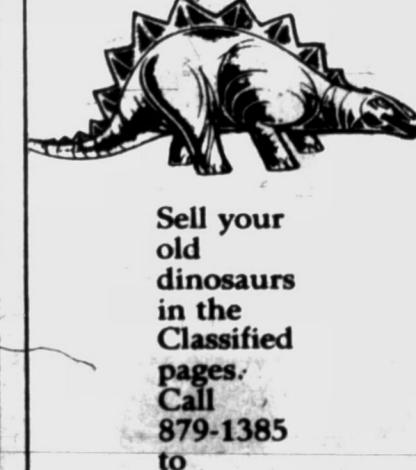
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